

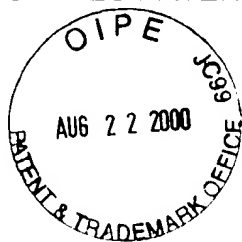
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

CHANEY et al.

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For: METHOD FOR PHYTOMINING OF NICKEL, COBALT AND OTHER METALS FROM SOIL

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231


August 22, 2000

Dear Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated February 22, 2000, for three (3) months from May 22, 2000 to August 22, 2000.

Enclosed please find a check in the amount of Eight Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$870.00) to cover the cost of the necessary fee. In the event that any additional fees are required with respect to this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2300.

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